

5

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

10

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

15

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

20

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

25

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

30

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An enhancer device for enhancing the utility and look of a user's bed, the enhancer device comprising:

a pair of support members, each support member having a base end and a distal end;

35

two fasteners, each connected with the distal end of a support member,

5 two support member securing mechanisms for attaching with the support members and securing the enhancer device with a user's bed;

wherein when each support member is attached with a support member securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over the attached support member securing mechanism;

10 wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is positioned upon the support member; and

further comprising an attachment for connecting with at least one of the two fasteners;

25 whereby using the support member securing mechanisms, a user may secure the enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to thereafter connect the attachment with at least one of the two fasteners, thereby enhancing the utility and look of the user's bed;

wherein each support member securing mechanism further includes an attachment portion and wherein the support member is detachably attached with the attachment portion;

30 wherein each support member is pivotally connected with a support member securing mechanism, thereby allowing the support member to rotate in relation to a fixed support member securing mechanism;

5 further comprising a stop mechanism attached with the enhancer device,
whereby when the stop mechanism is utilized the support member is prevented
from pivoting in relation to the support member securing mechanism;

wherein the stop mechanism comprises a slot at the base end of each
support member and a projection projecting from each attachment portion, the
10 projection positioned such that it can mate with the slot, whereby when the
projection mates with the slot, the support member is prevented from pivoting in
relation to the support member securing mechanism; and

~~An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 6,~~ wherein the attachment is an
elongated strap and is connected with both of the two fasteners, thereby allowing
15 the elongated strap to be used as a seat and elevate a user above a bed's surface.

12. (Currently Amended) An enhancer device for enhancing the utility and look of a
user's bed, the enhancer device comprising:

a pair of support members, each support member having a base end and a
20 distal end;

two fasteners, each connected with the distal end of a support member,
two support member securing mechanisms for attaching with the support
members and securing the enhancer device with a user's bed;

wherein when each support member is attached with a support member
25 securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over
the attached support member securing mechanism;

wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially
planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being
formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that
30 when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism
extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size
is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between
the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member
35 is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member

5 securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the
mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member
securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is
positioned upon the support member; and

10 further comprising an attachment for connecting with at least one of the
two fasteners;

whereby using the support member securing mechanisms, a user may
secure the enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to thereafter
connect the attachment with at least one of the two fasteners, thereby enhancing
the utility and look of the user's bed;

15 wherein each support member securing mechanism further includes an
attachment portion and wherein the support member is detachably attached with
the attachment portion;

wherein each support member is pivotally connected with a support
member securing mechanism, thereby allowing the support member to rotate in
20 relation to a fixed support member securing mechanism;

further comprising a stop mechanism attached with the enhancer device,
whereby when the stop mechanism is utilized the support member is prevented
from pivoting in relation to the support member securing mechanism;

wherein the stop mechanism comprises a slot at the base end of each
25 support member and a projection projecting from each attachment portion, the
projection positioned such that it can mate with the slot, whereby when the
projection mates with the slot, the support member is prevented from pivoting in
relation to the support member securing mechanism; and

~~An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 6;~~

30 further comprising a third support member, the third support member
having a base end and a distal end;

 a third fastener connected with the distal end of the third support member,
the two fasteners and the third fastener constituting a plurality of fasteners;

 a third support member securing mechanism attached with the third
35 support member;

5 wherein the attachment is a body sling with a plurality of attachment parts, each of the attachment parts being formed to be attached with a fastener such that the body sling can be attached with the plurality of fasteners, whereby utilization of the body sling allows a body of a user to be elevated above a bed's surface.

10 13. (Previously Presented) An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 12, wherein each support member is tubular; and
 further comprising a fourth support member, the fourth support member having a base end and a distal end;

 a fourth fastener connected with the distal end of the fourth support
15 member;

 a fourth support member securing mechanism attached with the fourth support member;

 wherein the third and fourth support members collectively form a second pair of support members, such that the body sling can be connected between the
20 two fasteners, the third fastener, and the fourth fastener to effectively hold a user's body.

14. (Previously Presented) An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 13, wherein each support member is constructed of a material selected from a group
25 consisting of metal, plastic, nylon, composite, and fiber.

15. (Previously Presented) An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 14, wherein each support member includes an arcuate section terminating at the distal end, the arcuate section is shaped such that it appears as half of a simple heart
30 shape, whereby when two support members are placed together, their combination forms a full heart shape.

16. (Previously Presented) An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 15, wherein each support member securing mechanism is substantially flat, allowing

- 5 each support member securing mechanism to be placed between a mattress and a
box spring, thereby securing the enhancer device with a user's bed.
17. (Previously Presented) An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 16, further
comprising an adjuster connected with each support member, whereby a height of
10 the enhancer device can be selectively adjusted to accommodate different sizes
and heights of tables, mattresses and users.
18. (Original) An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 17, wherein the adjuster is a
mechanism selected from a group consisting of telescoping tubes and pin-adjusted
15 tubes.
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Cancelled)
- 20 21. (Cancelled)
22. (Cancelled)
- 25 23. (Cancelled)
24. (Cancelled)
25. (Cancelled)
- 30 26. (Cancelled)
27. (Currently Amended) An enhancer device for enhancing the utility and look of a
user's bed, the enhancer device comprising:

5 a pair of support members, each support member having a base end and a distal end;

two fasteners, each connected with the distal end of a support member,

two support member securing mechanisms for attaching with the support members and securing the enhancer device with a user's bed;

10 wherein when each support member is attached with a support member securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over the attached support member securing mechanism;

wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being
15 formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between
20 the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is
25 positioned upon the support member; and

further comprising an attachment for connecting with at least one of the two fasteners;

whereby using the support member securing mechanisms, a user may secure the enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to thereafter
30 connect the attachment with at least one of the two fasteners, thereby enhancing the utility and look of the user's bed; and

~~An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 1,~~

 further comprising an additional support member, the additional support member having a base end and a distal end;

5 an additional fastener connected with the distal end of the additional support member, the two fasteners and the additional fastener constituting a plurality of fasteners;

 an additional support member securing mechanism attached with the additional support member;

10 wherein the attachment is a body sling with a plurality of attachment parts, each of the attachment parts being formed to be attached with a fastener such that the body sling can be attached with the plurality of fasteners, whereby utilization of the body sling allows a body of a user to be elevated above a bed's surface.

15 28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

20 30. (Currently Amended) An enhancer device for enhancing the utility and look of a user's bed, the enhancer device comprising:

a pair of support members, each support member having a base end and a distal end;

two fasteners, each connected with the distal end of a support member,
 two support member securing mechanisms for attaching with the support
25 members and securing the enhancer device with a user's bed;

wherein when each support member is attached with a support member
 securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over
 the attached support member securing mechanism;

wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially
30 planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being
 formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that
 when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism
 extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size
35 is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between

5 the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member
is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member
securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the
mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member
securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is
10 positioned upon the support member; and

further comprising an attachment for connecting with at least one of the
two fasteners;

whereby using the support member securing mechanisms, a user may
secure the enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to thereafter
15 connect the attachment with at least one of the two fasteners, thereby enhancing
the utility and look of the user's bed; and

~~An enhancer device as set forth in Claim 1,~~ wherein each support member is
constructed of a material selected from a group consisting of metal, plastic, nylon,
composite, and fiber; and further comprising

20 a second pair of support members, each of the second pair of support
members having a base end and a distal end;

 two additional fasteners, each connected with the distal end of one of the
second pair of support members, the two fasteners and the two additional
fasteners constituting a plurality of fasteners;

25 two additional support member securing mechanisms, each attached with
one of the second pair of support members, for securing the second pair of
support members with a user's bed;

 wherein the attachment is a body sling with a plurality of attachment parts,
each of the attachment parts being formed to be attached with a fastener such that
30 the body sling can be attached with the plurality of fasteners, such that the body
sling can be connected between the plurality of fasteners to effectively hold a
user's body elevated above a bed's surface.

31. (Cancelled)

- 5 32. (Cancelled)
33. (Cancelled)
34. (Cancelled)
- 10 35. (Cancelled)
36. (Cancelled)
- 15 37. (Cancelled)
38. (Cancelled)
39. (Cancelled)
- 20 40. (Cancelled)
41. (Cancelled)
- 25 42. (Cancelled)
43. (Cancelled)
44. (Cancelled)
- 30 45. (Currently Amended) A kit for building an enhancer device, the kit comprising:
a pair of support members, each having a base end and a distal end;
two fasteners, each configured to be connected with the distal end of a
support member;

5 further comprising two support member securing mechanisms, each
configured to be attached with a support member, and wherein the support
member securing mechanisms aid in securing the enhancer device with a user's
bed;

10 wherein when each support member is attached with a support member
securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over
the attached support member securing mechanism;

wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially
planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being
formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

15 wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that
when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism
extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size
is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between
the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member
20 is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member
securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the
mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member
securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is
positioned upon the support member; and

25 further comprising an attachment configured to be connected with at least
one of the two fasteners;

whereby using both support member securing mechanisms, a user may
secure the enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to thereafter
connect the attachment with at least one of the two fasteners, thereby enhancing
30 the utility and look of the user's bed;

wherein each support member securing mechanism further includes an
attachment portion, and wherein each support member is configured such that it is
detachably attachable with the attachment portion;

wherein each support member is configured such that it may be pivotally
35 connected with the support member securing mechanism, thereby allowing the

5 support member to rotate in relation to a fixed support member securing mechanism;

further comprising a stop mechanism attached with the enhancer device, whereby when the stop mechanism is utilized the support member is prevented from pivoting in relation to the support member securing mechanism;

10 wherein the stop mechanism comprises a slot at the base end of each support member and a projection projecting from each attachment portion, the projection positioned such that it can mate with the slot, whereby when the projection mates with the slot, the support member is prevented from pivoting in relation to the support member securing mechanism; and

15 ~~A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 39,~~ further comprising:

 a third support member, the third support member having a base end and a distal end;

 a third fastener connected with the distal end of the third support member, the two fasteners and the third fastener constituting a plurality of fasteners;

20 a third support member securing mechanism configured to be attached with the third support member; and

 wherein the attachment is a body sling with a plurality of attachment parts, each of the attachment parts being formed to be attached with a fastener such that the body sling can be attached with the plurality of fasteners, whereby utilization of the body sling allows a body of a user to be elevated above a bed's surface.

46. (Previously Presented) A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 45, wherein each support member is tubular; and

30 further comprising a fourth support member, the fourth support member having a base end and a distal end;

 a fourth fastener connected with the distal end of the fourth support member,

 a fourth support member securing mechanism attached with the fourth support member;

- 5 wherein the third and fourth support members collectively form a second pair of support members, such that the body sling can be connected between the two fasteners, the third fastener, and the fourth fastener to effectively hold a user's body.
- 10 47. (Previously Presented) A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 46, wherein each support member is constructed of a material selected from a group consisting of metal, plastic, nylon, composite, and fiber.
- 15 48. (Previously Presented) A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 47, wherein each support member includes an arcuate section terminating at the distal end, the arcuate section is shaped such that it appears as half of a simple heart shape, whereby when two support members are placed together, their combination forms a full heart shape.
- 20 49. (Previously Presented) A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 48, wherein each support member securing mechanism is substantially flat, allowing each support member securing mechanism to be placed between a mattress and a box spring, thereby securing the enhancer device with a user's bed.
- 25 50. (Previously Presented) A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 49, further comprising an adjuster configured to be connected with each support member, whereby a height of the enhancer device can be selectively adjusted to accommodate different sizes and heights of tables, mattresses and users.
- 30 51. (Original) A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 50, wherein the adjuster is a mechanism selected from a group consisting of telescoping tubes and pin-adjusted tubes.
- 35 52. (Cancelled)

5

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Cancelled)

10

55. (Cancelled)

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Cancelled)

15

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Cancelled)

20

60. (Currently Amended) A kit for building an enhancer device, the kit comprising:
a pair of support members, each having a base end and a distal end;
two fasteners, each configured to be connected with the distal end of a
support member;

25

further comprising two support member securing mechanisms, each
configured to be attached with a support member, and wherein the support
member securing mechanisms aid in securing the enhancer device with a user's
bed;

30

wherein when each support member is attached with a support member
securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over
the attached support member securing mechanism;

wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially
planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being
formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

35

wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that
when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism

5 extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size
is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between
the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member
is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member
securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the
10 mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member
securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is
positioned upon the support member; and

further comprising an attachment configured to be connected with at least
one of the two fasteners;

15 whereby using both support member securing mechanisms, a user may secure the
enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to thereafter connect the
attachment with at least one of the two fasteners, thereby enhancing the utility and
look of the user's bed; and

~~A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 34, wherein the~~
20 ~~attachment is an elongated strap and is connected with both of the fasteners,~~
~~thereby allowing the elongated strap to be used as a seat and elevate a user above~~
~~a bed's surface.~~

61. (Currently Amended) A kit for building an enhancer device, the kit comprising:

25 a pair of support members, each having a base end and a distal end;
two fasteners, each configured to be connected with the distal end of a
support member;

further comprising two support member securing mechanisms, each
configured to be attached with a support member, and wherein the support
30 member securing mechanisms aid in securing the enhancer device with a user's
bed;

wherein when each support member is attached with a support member
securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over
the attached support member securing mechanism;

5 wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is positioned upon the support member; and

further comprising an attachment configured to be connected with at least one of the two fasteners;

whereby using both support member securing mechanisms, a user may secure the enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to thereafter connect the attachment with at least one of the two fasteners, thereby enhancing the utility and look of the user's bed; and

~~A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 34,~~

 further comprising an additional support member, the additional support member having a base end and a distal end;

 an additional fastener connected with the distal end of the additional support member, the two fasteners and the additional fastener constituting a plurality of fasteners;

 an additional support member securing mechanism attached with the additional support member;

 wherein the attachment is a body sling with a plurality of attachment parts, each of the attachment parts being formed to be attached with a fastener such that the body sling can be attached with the plurality of fasteners, whereby utilization of the body sling allows a body of a user to be elevated above a bed's surface.

62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) A kit for building an enhancer device, the kit comprising:

a pair of support members, each having a base end and a distal end;

10 two fasteners, each configured to be connected with the distal end of a support member;

further comprising two support member securing mechanisms, each configured to be attached with a support member, and wherein the support member securing mechanisms aid in securing the enhancer device with a user's bed;

15 wherein when each support member is attached with a support member securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over the attached support member securing mechanism;

20 wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is positioned upon the support member; and

30 further comprising an attachment configured to be connected with at least one of the two fasteners;

35 whereby using both support member securing mechanisms, a user may secure the enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to thereafter connect the

5 attachment with at least one of the two fasteners, thereby enhancing the utility and
 look of the user's bed; and
 ~~A kit for building an enhancer device as set forth in Claim 34, wherein each~~
 support member is constructed of a material selected from a group consisting of
 metal, plastic, nylon, composite, and fiber; and further comprising
10 a second pair of support members, each of the second pair of support
 members having a base end and a distal end;
 two additional fasteners, each connected with the distal end of one of the
 second pair of support members, the two fasteners and the two additional
 fasteners constituting a plurality of fasteners;
15 two additional support member securing mechanisms, each attached with
 one of the second pair of support members, for securing the second pair of
 support members with a user's bed;
 wherein the attachment is a body sling with a plurality of attachment parts,
 each of the attachment parts being formed to be attached with a fastener such that
20 the body sling can be attached with the plurality of fasteners, such that the body
 sling can be connected between the plurality of fasteners to effectively hold a
 user's body elevated above a bed's surface.

25 64. (Cancelled)

 65. (Cancelled)

 66. (Cancelled)

30 67. (Cancelled)

 68. (Previously Presented) An enhancer device for enhancing the utility and look of a
 user's bed, the enhancer device comprising:

35 two pairs of support members, each support member having a base end
 and a distal end;

5 four fasteners, each connected with the distal end of a support member,
 four support member securing mechanisms, each attachable with a support
member, for securing the enhancer device with a user's bed;

 wherein when each support member is attached with a support member
securing mechanism, the distal end of each support member extends laterally over
10 the attached support member securing mechanism;

 wherein each of the support member securing mechanisms is substantially
planar for placement between a user's box spring and a user's mattress, and being
formed to be detachably attached with a single support member;

 wherein each support member securing mechanism is of a size such that
15 when connected with a support member, the support member securing mechanism
extends laterally beyond the distal end of the support member, and where the size
is such that when the support member securing mechanism is positioned between
the user's box spring and a mattress having weight, and when the support member
is affixed with the support member securing mechanism, the support member
20 securing mechanism remains affixed with the user's bed through the weight of the
mattress alone, and where the size is sufficient to maintain the support member
securing mechanism affixed with the user's bed when a user's weight is
positioned upon the support member;

 an attachment for connecting with and between each of the four fasteners;
25 and

 wherein the attachment is a body sling with a plurality of attachment parts,
each of the attachment parts being formed to be attached with a fastener such that
the body sling can be attached with the four fasteners, such that the body sling can
be connected between the four fasteners to effectively hold a user's body elevated
30 above a bed's surface, whereby using the support member securing mechanisms,
a user may secure the enhancer device with a user's bed, allowing the user to
thereafter connect the attachment with the four fasteners, thereby enhancing the
utility and look of the user's bed.